

**St John the Evangelist**

**16 August 2020**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity  
and 23 August 2020      21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**Fr James Callaghan OSB**

**Parish Administrator:** Kathryn Lynam; **Assistants:** Emma Harrison and William Scrope  
Office Hours: No-one is on duty this week. Kathryn will be back in on Tuesday 25 August.

**Safeguarding Representatives:** Mary-Clare Laidlaw and Mark de Groot

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**Mass Times this Week:**

Saturday 15	Feria Baptism (Hayes Family)
Sunday 16 10:00am	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity NO MASS
Monday 17	Feria
Tuesday 18	Feria
Wednesday 19 9:30am	Feria NO MASS
Thursday 20	St Bernard, abbot, Doctor, Mem
Friday 21 9:30am	St Pius X, Pope, Mem NO MASS
Saturday 22	Feria
Sunday 23 10:00am	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: <i>Venerable Mary Ward</i>
Monday 24	St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast
Tuesday 25	St Louis of France, king, Mem
Wednesday 26 9:30am	Feria Mass: <i>Graham Harrard RIP</i>
Thursday 27	St Monica, Mem
Friday 28 9:30am	St Augustine of Hippo, Priest, Doctor, Mem Mass: <i>Joanna Nicholson RIP</i>
Saturday 29	Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem
Sunday 30 10:00am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: <i>Parish</i>

**Two-Week Bulletin**

There will be no bulletin produced next Friday as Kathryn is away. This issue of the Bulletin contains the details of feast days and Masses for both weeks; and the readings are for Mass on Sunday 23 August, when hard copies will be available.

## **Cancellation of Masses 12-22 August inclusive**

Although we had put plans in place to allow seats to be booked at Mass in Kathryn's absence, Fr James is now having an extended rest at the Abbey Infirmary. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but remember that **the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, and will do so for a while to come yet.** We are looking at starting Mass again from 23 August, but please be aware that this is a period of uncertainty for us all. We will let you know of any changes as soon as we can.

Fr James sends his love and is keeping all parishioners in his prayers.

## **Saturday Evening Mass**

So far, only one kind parishioner has offered to help with the post-mass cleaning after Saturday evening masses, which means that we are not able as yet to start them up again. May I therefore make another plea for help with this? As I mentioned last week, the greater the number of helpers, the less often you will find your name on the rota – it's only a ten minute job!

Thank you!

Fr James.

## **Holy Communion**

We have adapted pretty well to the situation of booking in at Mass, but some confusion is happening at Holy Communion. What we are trying to avoid is two-way traffic. The Steward in charge may let several rows go at once, with the idea that once you get to the front you fan out in a row across the altar. Please do not queue down the aisle as in pre-COVID times, but move to the altar step. Once you have taken communion you may return to your seat, as long as no-one else is still moving into place. If they are, please stand still by the altar until your passage is clear.

The back rows around the Stewards' table do not need to come forward. Fr James will come to the back to give communion not only to those with mobility issues, but also anyone in the Lady Chapel and the Stewards themselves.

## **Thought for the Week**

*Instead of living a virtual life, why not try living a virtuous life?*

A Parishioner

## **Ecumenical Garden Service**

This is planned – as far as any planning can go! – for 13 September in the Garden. Fr Henry would speak again. It will probably mean bringing one's own refreshments, and attendees may have to be limited to comply with regulations. We will keep you posted as we know more.

## **Middlesbrough Food Bank**

There are no current collections, although you can make a financial donation on-line.

## **Eggs: Free until further notice**

Please take what you need from the Porch, many thanks to Trish and Jane. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box if you wish, but there is no obligation.

## **Parish Online, Information and Useful Links**

- let Kathryn have your email for the bulletin
- search for our closed group on Facebook
- Please see our website for a list of on-line resources, including churches who are live-streaming Mass, and Magnificat's offer for free on-line access during this troubled time. You can also go on [www.ChurchPaper.co.uk](http://www.ChurchPaper.co.uk) for editions of all the catholic newspapers.

## **Opening of the Church for Mass: Reminders re the Guidelines we are following**

Thank you to all those who are helping in whatever way to allow us to do this.

1. IF YOU SHOW ANY SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SELF-ISOLATE, AND DO NOT COME INTO CHURCH.
2. **Under normal circumstances, the church will be open for 9:30 Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays and for Mass at 10am on Sundays.** The church is closed during the remaining time for thorough cleaning.
3. Please wear a face-covering and sanitise your hands on entering and on leaving the premises.
4. Stewards will to guide you through the process, and ensure government guidelines are maintained.
5. Please use the one-way system: enter through the main church door and exit via the sacristy and hall.
6. Please take a bulletin away with you, but once you have touched one, do not return it to the pile.
7. There is an assigned seating plan based on the bookings received prior to Mass
8. We are told that the lighting of candles presents a fire risk due to the inflammable nature of hand-gel; if you do wish to light candles, please take the greatest care. There is a fire extinguisher in the porch.
9. The Lady chapel may be used, but only one person (or one household) at a time.
10. The balcony remains closed; the staircase is too narrow to make social distancing possible.
11. We minimise risk by minimising surfaces to be touched. Please avoid touching the statues and Wren furniture in particular, we do not wish to damage them by the enhanced cleaning necessary.
12. Please avoid using the loos if at all possible; if you do use them, please advise a steward or Kathryn/Fr James so they can be wiped down afterwards.
13. We cannot use holy water and during mass there will be no intercessions or sign of peace.
14. At Holy Communion you will be guided as to when to leave your seat. The whole of your row will go at once, and no other row will go until you have returned to your seats.
15. Fr James cannot greet people at the end of mass - the rules state that people should leave promptly.

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## **Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings**

- The collection on 9 August raised £171 – thank you very much
- If your Missio Red box is full, please can you count the money in it, and either send a cheque or give online. Missio's address is 23 Eccleston Sq, London SW1V 1NU. Online details via [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk).

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*the Sick, Infirm and Housebound:* Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotrian, Catherine Harmer, Mary-Rose Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Keith Knapton, Kay Moss, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Teresa Catherine Powers, Marie Podgorski, Philip Scrope and Sophie Williams;

*those who have Died recently:* Graham Harrand

*and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* James Tollan, Peter Scott, Molly Pearce, Irene Agnes Goodall, John Joseph Kearney, Anne Harper, Bishop John Gerard McClean